

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I am appalled that a broadcasting company would be so blatantly biased, and would like to register this official complaint in hopes that their decision will be blocked. The many U.S. citizens who get their news from the television deserve unbiased, factual programs rather than propoganda and fabrication.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, however, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, and less of what we need for our democracy. We need to see less of pandering to the lowest common denominator and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.